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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES REEQUIPMENT

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1. MEA BOARD CHAIRMAN; SHEIKH NAJIB ALAMUDDING
IN MEETING JUNE 7 REQUESTED AIRLINES BOARD FOR
AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE THREE NEW BOEING 747-200B
AIRCRAFT VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$112,000,000.
INCLUDING SPARES AND TRAINING. THESE AIRCRAFT
WOULD BE DELIVERED MAY, JUNE AND SEPTEMBER 1975
AND WULD BE CONFIGURD AT MAXIMUM OF 381 SEATS
(44 FIRST CLASS PLUS 337 TOURIST CLASS) FOR
DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULED SERVICES BEIRUT-LONDON, BEIRUT-
PARIS, AND BEIRUT-WEST AFRICA.

2. MEA BOARD MEMBERS STUDIED AIRLINE'S WIDEBODIED
ACQUISITION PROPOSAL OVER WEEKEND AND CONVENING LATE
AFTERNOON JUNE 10 TO VOTE GO-AHEAD AUTHORIZATION TO
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ALAMUDDINE FOR SIGNING LETTER-OF-INTENT WITH THE

BOEING COMPANY.

3. IMMEDIATELY SUBSEQUENT TO DRAFTING ABOVE, MEA
GENERAL MANAGER, ASSAD NASR, CALLED EMBASSY TO INDICATE
THAT MEA BOARD HAS JUST VOTED AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN
LETTER-OF-INTENT FOR THREE BOEING 747-200B AIRCRAFT,
POWERED BY PRATT & WHITNEY JT9D-7AW ENGINES, WITH TOTAL
VALUE OF PACKAGE ESTIMATED BY NASR, AT \$120,000,000.
LETTER-OF-INTENT DUE TO BE SIGNED LONDON JUNE 20 OR 21
BY ALAMUDDINE, MEA CHAIRMAN AND T. WILSON, BOEING
CHAIRMAN.

4. US TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT SALES THIS ARE, 1974 TO-DATE
WILL TOTAL \$300,000,000 WITH SIGNING LETTER-OF-INTENT
BY MEA.
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